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High school robotics team qualifies for national BEST competition

Nine students from Jeff Wilkins' principles of engineering class at HSE High School participated in a robotics regional hub called Bearcat BEST in Cincinnati October 22. BEST stands for Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology. In HSEHS's first-time competition, the group received third place in both the robotics game and the BEST Award. Sixteen teams from around the region competed. The top four teams qualified for the national competition in Auburn, AL at Auburn University. HSE took 13 students to the national competition Nov. 3-6. Twenty-nine teams from around the country participated.

The following are team members for the regional and national competitions:

Regional - Jon Alstott, Adam Ohls, Robert Wiesler, Joel Lugo, Scott Brown, Bernabe Davila, Pablo Davila, Hobey Tam and Mike Wildnauer

Nationals - Jon Alstott, Adam Ohls, Robert Wiesler, Joel Lugo, Robbie Hoyer, Bernabe Davila, Pablo Davila, Hobey Tam, Mike

Wildnauer, Jordan Wind, Stephen Wolf, Brad Davis and Justin Van Tress

- BEST Robotics Inc. (BRI) is a non-profit, volunteer organization based in Dallas, TX. Started in 1993 with 14 competing schools and 221 students, today BEST has over 700 middle and high schools and over 8,000 students participating each fall.

- BEST features two parallel competitions:

A robotics game, which is based upon an annual theme (Mission to Hubble) with four teams competing at once in a series of three-minute, round-robin matches. The BEST Award, which is presented to the team that best embodies the concept of Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology. Elements include a project summary notebook, oral presentation, table display as well as spirit and sportsmanship.

- Each school is provided kits of equipment and parts, a set of game rules and six weeks to design, build and test a small Radio/Controlled (R/C) robot that outperforms other robots.